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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 115

Introduced by Senator Lara

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 115—Relative to the Senator Jenny Oropeza Memorial Freeway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 115, as amended, Lara. Senator Jenny Oropeza Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 710 ~~that runs between Pico Avenue and West Wardlow Road~~ *the Pacific Coast Highway* in the City of Long Beach as the Senator Jenny Oropeza Memorial Freeway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Jenny Oropeza, who passed away on October 20,
- 2 2010, was a lifelong public servant who was active in her
- 3 community and was ~~first~~ elected *first* to the Long Beach Unified
- 4 School District Board of Education, then *to* the Long Beach City

~~Council~~, *Council* and the Assembly of the State of California, and finally to the Senate of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, During her time as a Member of the Legislature, Jenny Oropeza was a champion for public transportation, health care, education, clean air, equality, and the prevention of cancer; and

WHEREAS, Senator Oropeza was so admired by her constituents and community that she was posthumously awarded the Political Leadership Award in 2011 by the Democratic Women's Study Club in Long Beach, which has renamed that award the Jenny Oropeza Political Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, The Long Beach Community Hispanic Association (Centro CHA) posthumously awarded Senator Oropeza the Create Change Community Service Excellence Award in 2011, which will in future years be called the Create Change: Jenny Oropeza Community Service Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Senator Oropeza, the Long Beach Lambda Democratic Club created the Jenny Oropeza Ally of the Year Award, which was first awarded in 2011; and

WHEREAS, As a tribute to Senator Oropeza's dedication to fostering protections for key state public health programs, the Los Angeles County Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, in joint collaboration with the six other California-based Komen affiliates, known as "the California Collaborative," established the Senator Jenny Oropeza Public Policy Internship position; and

WHEREAS, The City of Long Beach named the community center in Cesar E. Chavez Park the Jenny Oropeza Community Center and the Los Angeles Unified School District dedicated the Jenny Oropeza Global Studies Academy at the Rancho Dominguez Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after taking office in 2000, then Assembly Member Oropeza became aware that the Alameda Corridor would open in 2002 and that all the planned bridges, designed to prevent cars from having to wait for trains to pass at street level, would be completed, except for the bridge on ~~State Highway Route 1 (Pacific Coast Highway)~~ *the Pacific Coast Highway (State Highway Route 1)* in the community of Wilmington, which was the busiest route along the Alameda Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The bridge to be built at that location would bisect the Equilon Refinery and was therefore the most complicated and

1 expensive bridge to build, and there was not enough funding to
2 complete the ~~on State Highway Route 1~~ bridge; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Oropeza brought together the interested
4 parties, including the Department of Transportation, the Alameda
5 Corridor Transportation Authority, the Los Angeles County
6 Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), the Equilon
7 Refinery, the Union Pacific Railroad, and the City of Los Angeles
8 to solve this problem of completing the bridge and was able to
9 help facilitate \$107 million in funding from a combination of
10 sources that included state transportation funds, state Proposition
11 116 bond funds, federal demonstration funds, LACMTA funds,
12 and railroad funds; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
15 portion of State Highway Route 710 that runs between Pico Avenue
16 and ~~West Wardlow Road~~ *the Pacific Coast Highway (State*
17 *Highway Route 1)* in the City of Long Beach as the Senator Jenny
18 Oropeza Memorial Freeway; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
20 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
21 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
22 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
23 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
24 further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
27 for appropriate distribution.